

mittedly difficult at times to care for those patients who can pay part but not all of their care.

"The medical profession believes that a great many of these people, at least, can be cared for in the county hospital, and it is felt that the time has arrived when the supervisors and the medical profession can get together on a feasible plan."

The board will ask five members of the association to meet with the five supervisors at a time and place to be announced by the chairman. . . .—*Bakersfield Californian*, September 19.

LETTERS

Subject: A physician nominated for Lieutenant-Governor of California.

To the Editor:—In times past I have noted that in its columns your JOURNAL called attention to the far greater interest which medical men of other countries than America have displayed in civic offices and duty, and you expressed the thought that one of the reasons for the passage of some of the obnoxious laws having a bearing on public health was the absence of medical men in legislative bodies. You expressed the hope that members of the medical profession might well take a more direct interest in such matters, and even permit their names to be considered for legislative positions.

It is a pleasure, therefore, to be able to call to the attention of the California medical profession that the successful candidate for the very important office of Lieutenant-Governor of California is Walter Scott Franklin, M.D., for some years professor of ophthalmology in the Medical School of the University of California, now retired from practice and a rancher in Santa Barbara County.

Doctor Franklin is well known to members of the medical profession throughout the state and, in the writer's opinion, would perform well the duties of Lieutenant-Governor, with credit to himself and to the profession of which he is a member. I hope physicians everywhere will mention his name to patients and friends.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY S. ROGERS.

Subject: Correspondence. I. A letter to Mrs. Roosevelt. II. A reply through Assistant Surgeon-General Waller. III. A reference to the California Medical Association. IV. A letter from the C. M. A. Association Secretary.

I
(COPY)

Oroville, California,
August 20, 1938.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Please forgive me for taking this liberty of writing you, but being my aim is to help a dear soul, won't you please read through this letter.

I have a sister at Los Angeles who is sick and destitute. She came there three months ago from Arizona to take treatments from a doctor whom she has a lot of faith in. She has taken a few treatments and has improved a great deal, but being as she has run out of money, is unable to keep on with these treatments. Her husband is with her, and been trying his best to get employment but has been unable to get any, and being their non-residents he's not eligible for PWA work, so they really are in very bad circumstances.

I would love to help her if I could, but am unable to do so. We've had sickness and doctor bills lately, and my husband is unemployed.

I wonder if you wouldn't please help her. I know you are a kind person, and no one could possibly appreciate it more than her. She's a Christian, so I know she would take it as an answer to prayers and a gift from God.

My sister is a dear sweet person, so kind and patient. She has been sick for several years. Her trouble is stomach

trouble, and rheumatism, but this doctor says he can cure her. He is very reasonable in price. She's thirty-eight year's old, so it would be too bad if she couldn't get over this ailment and would have to go through the rest of her days in this condition. She has a darling boy of five, who is so good for his age and loves his mother so much. His name is Arnold.

I think we have a very good President and I do hope he will run again, as I feel certain he will be elected. Conditions sure would be worse if we didn't have such a good loyal person in office.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt, won't you please help my sister. She don't know anything about me writing you, so it would sure be a surprise to her if you would be so kind as to send her something and I never could thank you enough. I will give you her address: Mrs. _____, _____ Street, Los Angeles, California.

Love and best wishes to you, I am
Mrs. _____,
_____, California.

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September 7, 1938.

Mrs. _____
_____, California
Dear _____:

Acknowledgment is made of your recent letter, addressed to Mrs. Roosevelt, stating that your sister is in need of medical treatment, but that she is without the financial means to pay for it.

Although there has been considerable publicity on the subject of medical care in press reports on the National Health Conference, no legislation has as yet been passed which would permit the Federal Government to extend free medical or hospital care to the public at large. This case, therefore, is one for the attention of state or local authorities or agencies. Accordingly, a copy of your letter is being referred to your State Health Officer, Dr. Walter M. Dickie, at San Francisco, California, and to the medical society of your state. It is hoped that one or the other of these agencies will be able to furnish the necessary aid or treatment.

By direction of the Surgeon-General.

Respectfully,
C. E. WALLER,
Assistant Surgeon-General
Domestic Quarantine Division.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
WASHINGTON

September 6, 1938.

Letter from: Mrs. _____, _____, California.

Dated: August 25, 1938.

Subject: Desires help for her sister, Mrs. _____, Los Angeles, California. Sister is ill and destitute.

Respectfully referred to: California Medical Association, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco, California.

By direction of the Surgeon-General.

cc Dr. W. M. Dickie
State Health Officer

C. E. WALLER,
Assistant Surgeon-General
Domestic Quarantine Division.

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CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

San Francisco, September 13, 1938.

Mrs. _____
_____, California
My dear Mrs. _____:

Copy of your letter of August 20th to President Roosevelt's wife and copy of reply of September 7 by C. E.